

Claims

- 5 1. A microscope slide in combination with a self-adhesive label, said microscope slide having a front face upon which, in use, a sample to be analysed is deposited, and a rear face, wherein:
- 10 said label comprises indicia means so that when said label is attached, in use, to the rear face of said microscope slide, said indicia means is visible when viewed through said front face of said microscope slide.
- 15 2. The combination as claimed in claim 1, wherein said indicia means comprises one or more alpha-numeric grids.
- 20 3. The combination as claimed in claim 2, wherein the characters forming said one or more alpha-numeric grids are printed as a mirror image of conventional alpha- numerics so that when viewed in a mirror numbers will appear as 0, 1, 2, 3 ... n and characters will appear as A, B, C ... Z.
- 25 4. The combination as claimed in claim 2 or 3, wherein said alpha-numeric grid comprises at least 96 cells.
- 30 5. An adhesive label for assisting the spotting of a microscope slide, said label having on one side an adhesive layer and on an opposed side a grid together with mirror images of alpha-numeric characters.
- 35 6. A method of transferring DNA samples from a microtitre plate to a microscope slide, comprising the steps of:
- providing a microtitre plate with a plurality of DNA samples arranged in an array of samples;
- providing a microscope slide;
- attaching a pre-printed label having at least one

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7. A method of manually spotting a microscope slide, comprising the steps of:

attaching an adhesive gridded indicia means to said  
microscope slide; and

10           spotting said microscope slide using said indicia  
          means as a guide.

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